

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 24 and 28.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (canceled).

Claims 12-17 (withdrawn).

Claim 18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (withdrawn).

Claim 20 (previously added - currently amended): An immunogenic composition comprising:

(1) an immunologically effective amount of ~~a at least one member selected from the group consisting of bacteria belonging to the genus *Serpens* and an immunologically active portion of bacteria belonging to the genus *Serpens*~~; and

(2) a veterinarily acceptable diluent or carrier.

Claim 21 (canceled).

Claim 22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (canceled).

Claim 24. (canceled).

Claim 25 (canceled).

Claim 26 (canceled).

Claim 27 (previously added): The immunogenic composition of claim 20 further comprising an adjuvant.

Claim 28 (canceled)